

# **MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING**

## **Minutes**

Monday, March 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Magnolia Fire Hall

### CALL TO ORDER

Made at 6:00 pm.

Annual Council Meeting

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

Mayor James Frazier, Vice Mayor Scott Fowler and Councilman Buck Dougherty were present. Councilwoman Barbara Adams and clerk Diane Cahall were present virtually. Dustan Russum; Water System Operator and Ralph Satterfield; Water assistant were present. Mayor Frazier has not heard anymore from Ashton McLaughlin regarding her resignation; Ralph Satterfield will contact Ryan Clark of 9 North Main St. who has shown interest in council and invite him to attend the April 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

### ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the published agenda.

## COUNCIL MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Buck Dougherty made a motion to accept the minutes of the last council meeting, as provided by Secretary. James Frazier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Scott Fowler noted that we should be receiving the Reybold contract for the Infrastructure Grant in the near future.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's report was presented to members by Diane Cahall. Mayor Frazier made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and pay the bills. Buck Dougherty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC WORKS

Dustan Russum presented the following water report: The town used 1,413,000 gallons of water during February 2021. Pump 2: 628,000 gallons. Pump 3: 785,000 gallons. Pump 2 ran 42 hours; Pump 3 ran 47.7 hours. Chlorine .82 and Fluoride .5. Dustan advised that Sheri from DRWA marked the water line for the Sumuri new connection. Councilman Buck Dougherty would like to clean up area around Pump House 2. There are a lot of trees and debris surrounding the building. He also suggested getting a load of crush and run (milling) Buck will use his truck. He will also cut branches off the bottom of trees. Mayor Frazier asked for estimate of cost which should be \$400-\$500. Mayor Frazier made a motion to approve this clean up; Scott Fowler seconded the motion; motion passed.

Ralph Satterfield presented the following report: Flushed hydrants; flow was clear for most part. Buck Dougherty and I kept the sidewalks clean and salted during storms. Buck shoveled and salted. Ralph said it wouldn't hurt to remind the town folks to do the same. Sprint lost power to the town but I didn't get a chance to

follow up with them; had to leave. The Fire Company may be interested in the snow blower, if the town wants to sell it. Council discussed snow blower; Scott Fowler stated we haven't had a lot of snow recently but we should keep it if we ever need it. Diane will look up how much we paid for the snowblower and report to council. Phone calls are not working to Rep. Postles; time to write him again regarding the speed sign.

#### WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVMENTS:

Scott Fowler advised that a contract from Reybold CONstruction Group, LLC should be received any day. Mayor Frazier will sign and place the Magnolia seal on the contract.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Water on Roadway: no report
- b. Properties and Code Enforcement: The Schmidt property is 25% torn down. Mayor Frazier advised council that Maria Bennet contacted him regarding the two properties behind her house. She can split the property if she chooses. Realtor Tyler Patterson appears to be involved in the 31/33 South Main St. property with Mr. Patel. Mayor Frazier explained to council that anyone can report a Delmarva Power streetlight outage by going on the DelDot website and entering the pole number in the designated area. The Gibson/Acosta property on 11 West Walnut has requested a demolition permit.

- c. Facebook: Mayor Frazier's wife Vickie will handle the town Facebook page.
- d. Mail/Package Deliveries: no report
- e. Curb Painting: no report
- f. Traffic Assessment (Follow up): Mayor Frazier attended a MPO Zoom meeting, Jim Galvin presented a Project Prioritization of projects in the 2021 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Helen Wiles from our original Zoom meeting is our new DelDot Contact. \*DelDot does not support: Rest In red signal operation stating it violates motorist expectancy and never used in Delaware: Now they say IT IS USED IN DELAWARE. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE TOWN BY CONSULTANT AT A COST OF \$20,000.

\*DelDot does not support: Likely requires "extra" all-red phase in recall, wasted time throughout the day.

\*DelDot reports: Motorist may increase speeds between stops to compensate for lost time. TOWN QUESTIONS: WHOSE TIME?

\*DelDot reports: Speed study shows low speeds through Town/approaching signal. WRONG, STUDIES SHOW 85% OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING THROUGH MAGNOLIA SPEED.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Scott Fowler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Frazier. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane P. Cahall